

Introduced by Senator AndersonFebruary 24, 2012

An act relating to criminal justice.

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SB 1430, as introduced, Anderson. Criminal justice: foreign laws.

Existing law declares that the uniform administration of justice throughout the state is a matter of statewide interest. Existing law authorizes the district attorney to sponsor, supervise, or participate in any project or program to improve the administration of justice. Existing law also sets forth various personal rights and provides that all persons within California have the right to be free from violence, or intimidation by the threat of violence, because of, among other characteristics, their race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, or sex.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would develop a state policy relating to the application of foreign law to the adjudication of California criminal justice proceedings.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) No United States citizen or California resident should be
- 4 denied the liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by the United
- 5 States and California Constitutions.

1 (b) International human rights organizations have identified
2 women and children as the primary victims of discriminatory
3 foreign laws that have belabored California and other states.

4 (c) Religious or foreign law should not be accepted as
5 justification for unlawful behavior.

6 (d) Accordingly, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
7 legislation that would develop a state policy relating to the
8 application of foreign law to the adjudication of California criminal
9 justice proceedings.